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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MAY 30th, 1896.

The immense throng which attended the unveiling of the Queen's statue on Thursday and witnessed the magnificent pageant by which the ceremony was attended may well have felt proud of the colony in which they reside and of the Empire of which the colony forms a part.

The event came several years behind its proper date, but for that there is a good and sufficient explanation. The unveiling of the statue was placed, and the commission was executed, with all due despatch, but at that time the colony contained no suitable site for it, and it was necessary to wait for the completion of a part of the Prince's reclamation, that splendid work which forms such a substantial evidence of the growth and prosperity of the place. It was peculiarly appropriate that the Hon. C. P. CHATER, the originator of the reclamation scheme, should, as the present Chairman of the Jubilee Committee, on Thursday have appeared as the representative of the community to unveil the statue, and as he looked around and saw the fine stretch of ground, virtually the creation of his own brain, with its evidences of being speedily covered with handsome buildings, he may justifiably have experienced some feeling of pride and self-congratulation. On such an occasion even his political opponents would be willing to get on one side differences of opinion on questions of domestic policy and to recognise that however much Mr. CHATER may have been mistaken on the question of local self-government he has at all events been right on the question of the Prince's reclamation and has laid the colony under lasting obligations to him.

We need not dwell on the feelings of loyalty and affectionate regard for Her Majesty exhibited by the community on Thursday. Now that the event is passed and the public enthusiasm has found due expression, we may be permitted to dwell on some of the collateral considerations it suggests, more especially the demonstration it afforded of the prosperity of the colony. Seldom has the sun shone on a crowd—so we refer to the Chinese as well as to the Europeans—so little touched with the canker of distress and discontent, and if the imaginative persons who at a distance invent tales of the decimation of the population by the plague could have seen the bright and animated throng which surrounded the Queen's statue on Thursday they would have felt themselves covered, in their own minds, with confusion. The brief but graphic contrast drawn by the Governor between the Hongkong of fifty-nine years ago and the Hongkong of to-day was excellently conceived and, as His Excellency remarked, "at the present moment the colony presents a remarkable object lesson to the newly arrived resident 'or traveller, unequalled in any other part of the world." Of the future prosperity of Hongkong His Excellency said he had not the slightest doubt, and he referred to the certain opening of the West River and of additional ports in China as giving a further impetus in the near future to trade

between Great Britain and China, which will necessarily bring with it increased prosperity to Hongkong. The colony at the moment is indeed looking in the sun of prosperity, and there is scarcely a cloud to be discerned on the commercial horizon. But Hongkong has experienced periods of depression in the past and will doubtless be exposed to similar adverse influences in the future, against which it behoves us to beware, profiting by the painful experience of the past as to the results of over speculation; while, turning to the regulation of the municipal affairs of Victoria, it must be admitted that there is abundant work for the hand of the reformer and that much remains to be done to bring the city up to a proper standard of cleanliness and wholesomeness.

The British gunboat *Pigmy* left for Shanghai yesterday.

The American Monitor steamer *Vandalia* left Kobe for this port on the 28th instant.

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REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

(SUPPLIED TO THE "DAILY PRESS.")

THE SITUATION IN CRETE.

The situation at Crete is quiet.

MATHELAN.

Colonel Plumer has defeated the Mahabala forces with great loss in three engagements.

(FROM BAIRON PAPERS.)

CHOLERA IN EGYPT.

On the 10th of May, 1896, there were 40 cases of cholera in Egypt yesterday and twenty-seven at Alexandria. The Europeans are leaving Egypt.

THE UNVEILING OF THE QUEEN'S STATUE.

TELEGRAM TO HER MAJESTY.

The following telegram was addressed to the Secretary of State by H.E. the Governor on Thursday afternoon:—

Hongkong, 28th May, 1896.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies, London.

Hongkong community presents its respectful duty to Her Majesty the Queen.

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ARRIVAL OF THE "JOHN BAILEY" IN HARBOUR.

About 6.30 yesterday afternoon the members of the shipping company were considerably surprised to see the *John Bailey*, the barque which went ashore near Mease on Saturday, coming into harbour in tow of the tug-boat *Feme*. It was thought by everyone that the barque was so firmly embedded in the sand that it was impossible to save her, but on Thursday night the Dock Company instructed Captain Stopani to proceed with all possible speed to the ship and endeavour to get her floated. Captain Stopani commenced tugging at the ship about five o'clock yesterday morning and he was engaged in the task for several hours before his efforts were rewarded. The barque was then brought into Hongkong and taken to the Commercial Dock. She will have to undergo very extensive repairs. The losing fisherman who swam to the scene of the accident removed several articles, including all the rigging and sails on the vessel and also every article of apparel and fittings they could lay hands on. The cargo was untouched. It consisted of Singapore hard wood and it seems that the very heavy weight of this wood was altogether too much for the fishermen and they consequently had to reluctantly no doubt, leave it alone. But they got a very good haul as it was and doubtless they are satisfied with their spoil.

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